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THE BIRTH OF THE FIRST LCN CHAPTER - TMI NAPLES, FL

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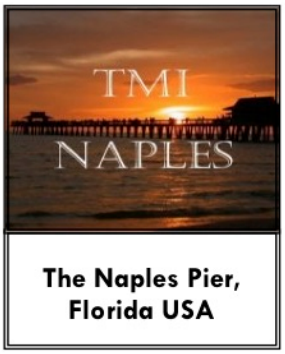
In early spring of 2008, several people from Naples, Florida, traveled to Ft. Myers, Florida, to meet with Paul Rademacher, the Executive Director of The Monroe Institute. Along with the Naples contingency, there was a group from the Ft. Myers area who also had some former association with TMI.

Paul was touring various parts of the United States to discuss TMI and what appeared to be a new, or perhaps "renewed," initiative to spread global consciousness. He envisioned establishing a network of local TMI chapters across the world whose mission would be to take part in the global awakening of humanity.

Of the approximately twenty people at the meeting, eight people from Naples took Paul's request to heart. Those eight people formed the core or nucleus of the newly emerging entity soon to be called TMI Naples. We have the honor of being the very first local chapter in Paul's vision of a local chapter network.



We were challenged by Paul's message and eager to embrace our role in this global effort. We immediately connected and began to work out the logistics of setting up an ongoing local chapter.

We had to answer questions such as: What is our purpose? Where will we meet? Who will attend?

We readily agreed that the one common denominator for all of us was our interest in The Monroe Institute and the potential of the Hemi-Sync® technology and, more recently, the Spatial Angle Modulation (SAM®) technology to help people know themselves on a deeper level. We felt it was important to always have an experiential exercise at each of our meetings.

This is a practice we continue to this day. Each meeting begins with a Hemi-Sync® or SAM® selection, followed by discussion of the exercise. Our first official meeting was on May 14, 2008. We have met each and every month since then and the eight founding Naples members are still together, rarely missing a meeting.

With each meeting, it soon became clear that we were developing a common platform that worked for our specific chapter. We had hopes that our chapter would be interconnected and mutually supportive of the other chapters that would be established across the world, yet we wanted to remain independent as well as autonomous. The vision was TMI's, but the interpretation was ours alone; it is what "worked for us." We felt the awakening of global consciousness was intended for everyone; we believe it is a cooperative endeavor and each individual has a specific and important role in this effort. If someone came through our door, even for just one meeting, they were there for a reason. To paraphrase, the seeds that we sow today are the flowers of tomorrow. A grassroots level initiative spreads through those seeds that we sow….one by one. Each and every person has an important role to play, whether they realize it or not. Even to this day, we remain a very open chapter, welcoming any and all whose path crosses ours. We advertise our meetings in a local magazine; we have our own website; we have a Facebook "page;" and we use "word of mouth" in order to inform our community about our chapter. From our small start over almost four years ago, much has changed. Although our TMI-Naples' goal to reach out to as many people as we can at the grassroots level has remained the same, the roles of some of our members have changed. Two of the founding members have stepped into leadership roles with the Local Chapter Network (LCN). Candie Sanderson is on the Leadership Council of the LCN and Jerry Eddleman is the LCN's Regional Coordinator for the Southeast United States. The Regional Coordinators are on the frontlines; they are instrumental in the establishment of local chapters and help make connections for those who are seeking to find a chapter in their area. -

TMI-Naples is honored to be the first established Chapter of the Local Chapter Network. We applaud Paul Rademacher for his vision for bringing the LCN to life.

"The greatest illusion is that mankind has limitations."

Robert Monroe